

AN ACT

relating to the offenses of the violation of civil rights of and improper sexual activity with individuals in custody; imposing a criminal penalty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sections 39.04(a), (b), and (f), Penal Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) An official of a correctional facility or juvenile facility, an employee of a correctional facility or juvenile facility, a person other than an employee who works for compensation at a correctional facility or juvenile facility, a volunteer at a correctional facility or juvenile facility, or a peace officer commits an offense if the person intentionally:

(1) denies or impedes a person in custody in the exercise or enjoyment of any right, privilege, or immunity knowing his conduct is unlawful; or

(2) engages in sexual contact, sexual intercourse, or deviate sexual intercourse with an individual in custody or, in the case of an individual in the custody of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department or placed in a juvenile facility [~~Youth Commission~~], employs, authorizes, or induces the individual to engage in sexual conduct or a sexual performance.

(b) An offense under Subsection (a)(1) is a Class A misdemeanor. An offense under Subsection (a)(2) is a state jail

1 felony, except that an offense under Subsection (a)(2) is a felony  
2 of the second degree if the offense is committed against:

3 (1) an individual in the custody of the Texas Juvenile  
4 Justice Department or placed in a juvenile facility [~~Youth~~  
5 ~~Commission~~]; or

6 (2) a juvenile offender detained in or committed to a  
7 correctional facility [~~the operation of which is financed primarily~~  
8 ~~with state funds~~].

9 (f) An employee of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice,  
10 the Texas Juvenile Justice Department [~~Youth Commission~~], a  
11 juvenile facility, or a local juvenile probation department commits  
12 an offense if the employee engages in sexual contact, sexual  
13 intercourse, or deviate sexual intercourse with an individual who  
14 the employee knows is under the supervision of the Texas Department  
15 of Criminal Justice, Texas Juvenile Justice Department  
16 [~~department, commission~~], or probation department but not in the  
17 custody of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Texas Juvenile  
18 Justice Department [~~department, commission~~], or probation  
19 department.

20 SECTION 2. Section 39.04(e), Penal Code, is amended by  
21 amending Subdivisions (1) and (2) and adding Subdivision (2-a) to  
22 read as follows:

23 (1) "Correctional facility" means[+  
24 [~~(A)~~] any place described by Section  
25 1.07(a)(14) [~~, or~~  
26 [~~(B)~~] a "secure correctional facility" or "secure  
27 ~~detention facility~~" as defined by Section 51.02, Family Code].

1           (2) "Custody" means the detention, arrest, or  
2 confinement of an adult offender, ~~[or]~~ the detention of a juvenile  
3 offender, or the commitment of a juvenile offender to a  
4 correctional facility or juvenile facility ~~[operated by or under a~~  
5 ~~contract with the Texas Youth Commission or a facility operated by~~  
6 ~~or under contract with a juvenile board]~~.

7           (2-a) "Juvenile facility" means a facility for the  
8 detention or placement of juveniles under juvenile court  
9 jurisdiction and that is operated wholly or partly by the Texas  
10 Juvenile Justice Department, a juvenile board, or another  
11 governmental unit or by a private vendor under a contract with the  
12 Texas Juvenile Justice Department, juvenile board, or governmental  
13 unit.

14           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 183 passed the Senate on April 30, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 183 passed the House on May 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor